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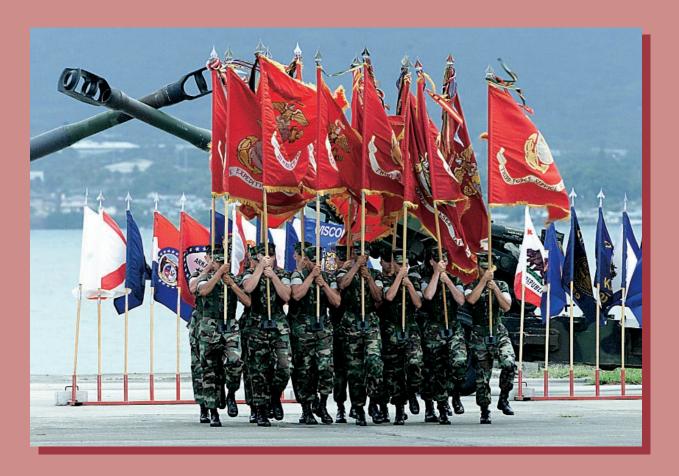
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Welcome to Hawaii, The Aloha State

Congratulations on receiving orders to Hawaii, a subtropical wonder that offers a temperate year-round climate, warm ocean waters, sandy beaches, mountains, forests, and strikingly beautiful scenery. This book is a joint effort of the armed forces stationed on Hawaii, designed to provide you with the information you need to help make your transfer and stay here as pleasant as possible.

While the first chapter is unique to what Marines need to know, much of the information found in the guide deals with topics that affect all military personnel, such as what type of housing is available, schools and education, family services and recreation.

Your sponsor is one key to a successful transition. However, reading this publication and taking the time to familiarize yourself with all the services and facilities available to you will better prepare you for the move. Welcome to Hawaii and may your tour of duty here be a rewarding one.

Time Difference

Hawaii does not recognize Daylight Savings Time. From October to April, Hawaii is two hours behind Pacific Standard Time and five hours behind Eastern Standard Time. From April to October, Hawaii is three hours behind Pacific Standard Time and six hours behind Eastern Standard Time.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

On April 15, 1994, the Marine Corps consolidated all of its assets in Hawaii under a single command, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Currently, MCB Hawaii is comprised of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Camp H. M. Smith, Manana Family Housing, the Pearl City Warehouse Annex, Pu'uloa Range Complex, Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, and Waikane Valley Training Area. The two major installations are Kaneohe Bay and Camp H.M. Smith. MCB Hawaii is headquartered at Kaneohe Bay, on Windward Oahu.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay

Located on Oahu's Mokapu Peninsula, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is home to more than 16,000 Marines, Sailors, family members and civilian employees. The history of the base dates back to 1918 when, on the eastern shore of the peninsula, Fort Hase was commissioned and was known as the Kuwaahoe Military Reservation. Army artillery moved into the area in response to World War I.

In 1939, the Navy began construction of a small seaplane base, and upon its completion, Naval Air Station, Kaneohe's role was expanded to include the administration of the Kaneohe Bay Naval Defense Sea Area.

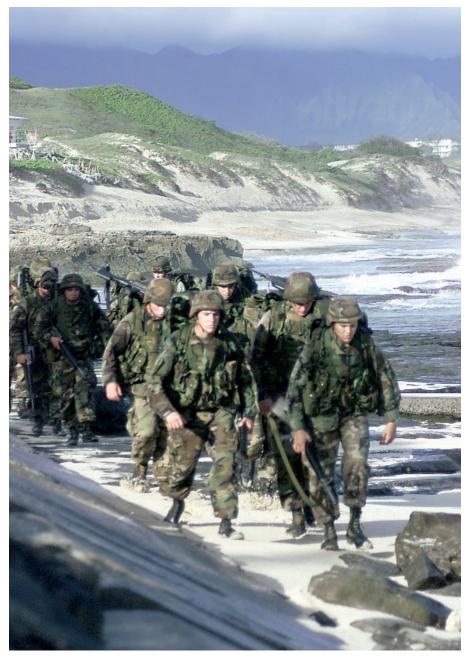
On Dec. 7, 1941, the name Pearl Harbor exploded into history. The first blow of the Japanese attack, however, was directed at Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay. During the attack, a Kaneohe-based Sailor named John Finn was cited for his heroic actions and later became one of the first Medal of Honor recipients during World War II.

After the war, air station activities consisted of limited air operations, a small security detachment and a federal communications center. The Navy shutdown its operations in 1949 and relocated to Naval Air Station



Barbers Point. In 1951, the station was proposed as an ideal site for a combined airground team, so the Marines assumed control of the former naval air station. On Jan. 15, 1952, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay was commissioned.

Today MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay is home to III Marine Expeditionary Forces Hawaii, Marine Aircraft Group-24, 1st Radio Battalion, the Marine Forces Pacific Band, 4th Force Reconnaissance Company, the U.S. Navy's Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, Light Anti-Submarine Helicopter Squadron 37 and Fleet Logistics Support Wing Detachment, Hawaii. The base's position in the Pacific makes it an ideal location for strategic deployment to the Western Pacific. The base is also a leader in environmental protection, enhancement and conservation



and is a frequent award recipient for its efforts. Among other accolades, the base is a seven-time recipient of the Secretary of the Navy's Natural Resources Conservation Award. Over the past decade, MCB Hawaii has made numerous enhancements to the base in order to improve quality of life for its service members and families. Improvements include a new exchange, commissary, child development center, new and replacement family housing, as well as,

replacement bachelor enlisted quarters. In the future, MCB Hawaii will continue to make quality of life enhancements by further replacing old family housing and BEQs.

Units

Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe: The command's mission includes maintaining facilities, (which includes numerous training areas) as well as providing services that support readiness and global projection of operating forces to conduct Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare; and by promoting the well-being, morale and safety of military personnel, their families and the civilian workforce.

Marine Corps Air Facility: The air facility maintains and operates airfield facilities, (which includes a 7,700-foot runway), to support the readiness and global projection of operating forces. With the recent integration of Navy personnel into MCAF, MCB Hawaii's goal is to improve productivity and provide a better means of serving all Marine Corps and Navy aviation units here.

III Marine Expeditionary Forces, Hawaii: The largest command on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay is III Marine Expeditionary Forces Hawaii. Its predecessor, the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, was deactivated and its remaining forces were redesignated as III Marine Expeditionary Forces Hawaii effective Oct. 1, 1994. III MEF Hawaii combines ground combat, aviation combat and combat service support elements into a cohesive force in readiness. Providing trained, combat-ready, air-ground forces capable of conducting expeditionary maneuver warfare whenever or wherever directed, III MEF Hawaii trains constantly under conditions as close to combat as possible. III MEF Hawaii's ground combat element, the 3rd Marine Regiment (Rein), is comprised of three infantry battalions, one artillery battalion, a combat support company and a headquarters company. 3rd Marine Regiment (Rein) reports directly to its headquarters, 3rd Marine Division, located in Okinawa, Japan.

III MEF Hawaii's Marine Aircraft Group-24 (MAG-24) at Kaneohe Bay consists of three CH-53D "Sea Stallion" squadrons, a training squadron, logistics support, and headquarters element. MAG-24 reports directly to its headquarters, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing located in Okinawa, Japan.

III MEF Hawaii's Combat Service Support Element, Combat Service Support Group-3 (CSSG-3), consists of the following companies: headquarters, motor transport, maintenance, landing support, supply, medical and dental. CSSG-3 reports directly to its headquarters, 3rd Force Service Support Group located in Okinawa, Japan.

1st Radio Battalion: The First Radio Battalion provides signals intelligence and

electronic warfare support for Marine Forces Pacific.

Marine Forces Pacific Band: The Marine Forces Pacific Band was formed prior to World War II as the Marine Barracks Pearl Harbor Band. Today the band is headquartered at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The band's reputation for stirring performances has spread far and wide. The band has earned many prestigious awards, including the coveted "Best Military Band" for performances during the annual King Kamehameha and Prince Kuhio Day parades held on Oahu. Performing in official ceremonies for the Commander, Marine Forces Pacific, the band also supports the musical requirements of other military commands, including support of U.S. Pacific Command honors for visiting

dignitaries. USCINCPAC and others to travel extensively throughout the Pacific for high-level ceremonies and show band performances have also called upon the MarForPac band.

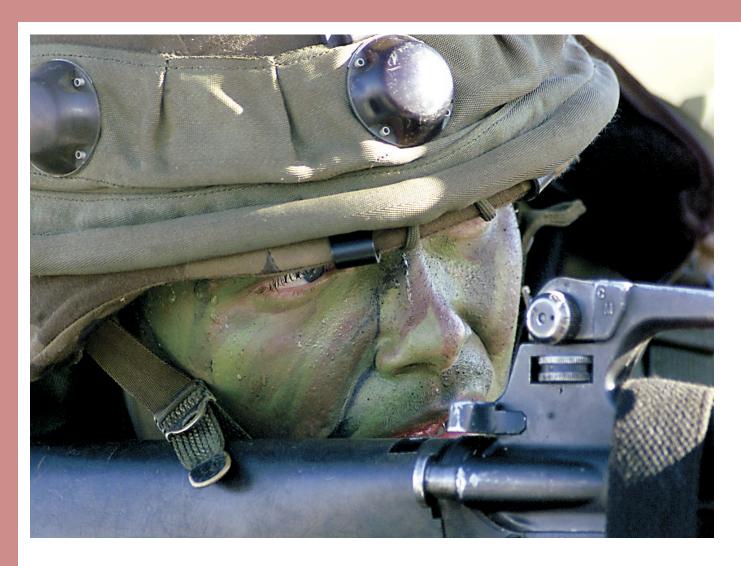
4th Force Reconnaissance Company: 4th Force Reconnaissance Company is the only Marine Corps Reserve unit in the state of Hawaii. The unit specializes in reconnaissance operations with emphasis on parachuting, scuba diving and patrolling techniques. The 14-member inspector-instructor staff assists and advises a 98-member company.

Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPATRECONFORPAC) is a land-based anti-submarine warfare organization commissioned in 1964 to provide administrative command for all aviation patrol squadrons in the

Pacific theater. COMPATRECONFORPAC mission is to support the U.S. Pacific Fleet and the unified command structure by providing interoperable, combat-ready U.S. Naval Aviation Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Forces. COMPATRECONFORPAC serves as Commander, Naval Air Force, and U.S. Pacific Fleet's representative in the functional specialty of patrol and reconnaissance squadrons.

Anti-Submarine Helicopter Squadron Light 37: HSL-37 primary mission is to provide Middle Pacific Fleet based ships with combat ready LAMPS (Light Airborne Multi-purpose System) detachments capable of sustained operations at sea. HSL-37 reports to Commander, HSL Wing, Pacific based at NAS North Island, San Diego, Calif.





Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Camp Smith

Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Camp Smith, located on Oahu's leeward side sits atop Halawa (pronounced Ha Lav' a) Heights. It is about 600 feet above sea level, near Pearl Harbor and the community of Aiea. On June 8, 1955, the camp was named in honor of the late Gen. Holland M. "Howlin' Mad" Smith, USMC, of World War II fame. He was the first commanding general of Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

Originally a sugar cane field, the 220-acre site was purchased for \$912,000 in March 1941 for a naval hospital. Work began in July, and following the Japanese attack of Pearl Harbor in December, construction of the 1,650-bed facility was rushed to completion. The hospital was commissioned on Nov. 11, 1942, and continued to expand.

Throughout World War II, the Aiea Naval Hospital served thousands of wounded Sailors and Marines. It reached its peak following the battle for Iwo Jima in February and March 1945 when 5,676 patients received medical care at one time. On June 1, 1949, the hospital was deactivated when Army and Navy medical centers were consolidated at Tripler Army Medical Center. In 1950, the Territory of Hawaii began negotiations to obtain the Aiea facility. In 1955, however, the Marine Corps selected the site that now serves as home for Marine Forces Pacific. The camp was dedicated on Jan. 31, 1956. In October 1957, Camp Smith also became the headquarters for USCINCPAC. Today it serves as the home for the headquarters of Marine Forces Pacific, USCINC-PAC, Joint Task Force - Full Accounting, and Special Operations Command Pacific.

Sponsors

Commands are required to provide you with a sponsor in order to ease your transition. Your sponsor can help arrange your TLA accommodations, provide transportation from the airport, assist you as you check in to your new command and provide you well in advance of your move with general information about the community and on-base facilities. Ensure you contact your sponsor as soon as possible before leaving for Hawaii. If you haven't heard from your sponsor or don't have one, contact your unit.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii
 Personnel Support Center, building 216
 Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Friday, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Telephone (During working hours)
 (808) 257-7772

- (After working hours) (808) 449-1759 ext. 1760
- Marine Air Group 24 Building 301 Telephone: (During working hours) (808) 257-2012/3222/3241 DSN 457-2012 (After working hours) (808) 257-1416 DSN 457-1416
- Combat Service Support Group 3 Consolidated admin, building 1044 Telephone: (During working hours) (808) 257-1781 (After working hours) (808) 257-5135; CSSG HQ
- 1st Radio Battalion Building 1053 Telephone: (During working hours) (808) 257-1799; DSN 457-1799 (After working hours) (808) 257-2949; DSN 457-2949
- 3rd Marine Regiment Building 1033 Telephone: (During working hours) (808) 257-8310 DSN 45 7-8310 (After working hours) (808) 257-2778, Building 1088
- Marine Forces Pacific Marine Forces Pacific Headquarters Building 1 Telephone: (During working hours) (808) 477-8381 (After working hours) (808) 477-8363

Temporary Lodging Allowance

Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) is for military personnel arriving on Permanent Change of Station orders pending availability of government quarters or completion of arrangement for other permanent living accommodations when government quarters are not available. TLA is not paid in advance. Instead, it is paid after filing a completed claim with receipts and endorsements. TLA reimbursement claims are forwarded to the Finance Office at the conclusion of each 10day increment; reimbursements are then electronically deposited within 72-96 hours. Arrival TLA can be authorized for a maximum of 60 days.

To be eligible for TLA, several conditions must be met. First, service members must have their orders endorsed with the reporting time and date as soon as possible after arriving on island. No reimbursement will



be made for any days of temporary lodging prior to the report date endorsed on your orders. The first day of reporting in will be a NON-TLA day for the member. The cost at the member's expense until their travel claim is settled and they are in a "Per Diem Status." A supplemental claim will then be submitted to the Finance Office for reimbursement of the first day's expenses.

Next, to be eligible for TLA, a sponsor or member must first check with the Temporary Lodging Facility (808) 254-2806 and the Base Housing Office (808) 257-1257 to see if government quarters are available. If government quarters are available, they must be used. If government quarters are not available, service members must obtain a non-availability statement. Bonafide and Geographical Bachelors must check into the BEQ/BOQ to obtain room assignment. If ber must be on a 36-month tour or have a

there is no permanent room available, they may be issued a non-availability statement authorizing TLA assistance.

Before securing reservations at an off-base of lodging incurred for the first day will be hotel, the member or sponsor must ensure that the hotel is TLA approved. A listing of TLA approved facilities can be obtained by calling (808) 257-8827. Unless the Housing Office (for married personnel) or the BEQ/BOQ (for Bonafide and Geographical Bachelor) establishes an occupancy date for quarters immediately upon applying for government quarters, the service member must initiate an "aggressive housing search." To fulfill this requirement, a service member must visit a minimum of five to ten places in their price range and that meets their needs, per 10day increment. TLA will be terminated for failure to aggressively seek a suitable place to live.

Also, to be eligible for TLA, a service mem-



CMC waiver. Plus, only command-spon- within five (5) days of reporting in to be elisored dependents may receive arrival TLA. gible for TLA. Members whose dependents Personnel arriving in Hawaii under PCS will not arrive in Hawaii for more than 60 orders accompanied by dependents or who days after the reporting date must apply for anticipate the arrival of dependents within government housing not later than 60 days 60 days, must register with the Housing prior to the anticipated arrival date of the Office and apply for government housing dependents.



Automobile Shipments

Each service member is authorized to ship one privately owned vehicle at government expense. Check with your current Household Goods Officer for information regarding shipping times and locations. You must have permission from the lien holder to transport the vehicle to Hawaii. If the vehicle is co-registered, you must also show that person's permission to ship the vehicle. If you are shipping a privately owned vehicle (POV) it will require approximately 60 days from the east coast or 21 days from the west coast to reach Oahu. All personal vehicles must be safety inspected within 10 days after arrival on the island.

NOTE: The "10 day" rule applies only to vehicles with valid and current registration and license plates. Otherwise, the vehicle must be registered immediately.

Registering Your Vehicle

Hawaii has several requirements for motor vehicle registration. Military members who are not legal residents of the State of Hawaii are required to have the following:

- · Proof of ownership or certificate of registration;
- Shipping documents;
- · Hawaii no-fault insurance coverage;
- · Proof of completed safety inspection (vehicle owners whose cars have minor modifications, including mag wheels, must have a reconstruction permit from the Honolulu Police Department and display the reconstruction decal on the windshield before the car can be inspected).
- · Valid identification card; and
- Non-resident Certificate Form DFL50 (to be signed by your commanding officer verifying your home of record as reflected in your service record).

Once you have all these forms, you may obtain your registration by presenting the documents to:

- The Division of Licenses, 1455 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii (Phone 973-2700) Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Any Satellite City Hall (Ala Moana Center, downtown, Kailua, Kalihi/ Kapalama, Kaneohe, Wahiawa, Waianae, Waipahu) Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

